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BY UNIONS ARE
FLOUTED

Dictatorship Scored

UNION-SPLITTING TACTIC
IS SEEN AS FASCIST
AUTOCRACY

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Jan. 29.—Waving a telegram of authorization from William Green "to take action as you deem fit," Joseph Casey, state organizer of the A. F. of L., appeared before the Central Trades Council here tonight and blocked an election of the Council officers which the newly chosen delegates from the locals had assembled to vote upon. The hall was crowded to capacity.

Referring to Green's telegram, Casey said: "Acting under these instructions, I will now appoint all officers. They will conduct all business of this Council. They will call the meetings and carry out all activities. . . . All delegates but four will be seated. . . . I will now name those who will be the officers of the Federated Trades.

The list, with the exception of two men, was a solid block of reactionaries, discredited and despised in the labor movement here. Loud boos greeted the calling of each reactionary appointment. These rose to roar when Carl Barnes, overwhelmingly re-elected in the Carpenters' Local and not even a member of the Central Council was named secretary-treasurer.

DELEGATES REFUSE
TO RISE
Those named by Casey included: Fred Graham, pressman, president; Walter Stutz, vice (Continued on page 2)

1200 SEAMEN VOICE FIGHT TO REMAIN IN ISU

ANY MOVE TOWARDS DUAL
ORGANIZATION VIEWED
WITH HOSTILITY

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 29.—1200 seamen at a special rallying meeting of the three branches of the I.S.U. held in the Sailors' Union hall on Wednesday attested in no uncertain tone that the International Seamen's Union belonged to them and they would fight any and all efforts to split their ranks. "Our place is in the ranks of the American Federation of Labor and we will not relinquish the International, which we rebuilt only after a tremendous struggle, to any Scharenbergs-Olanders and their bosses," declared Sam Telford, in warning the membership against any ideas or attempts to set up an independent organization, "we must take a lesson from the successful fight waged by the 40,000 expelled mine workers, who not only fought their way back into their union but have been the leading force in the fight for industrialization of the mine workers' crafts." (Continued on Page 2, Col. 4)

SCOTTSBORO BOYS TELL TRUE STORY OF SHOOTING OZIE

Powell Was Not Trying to Escape But Was
Shot Down in Cold Blood by Sheriff
After Fight in Machine Was Over

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—Sheriff J. Street Sandlin did not shoot Ozie Powell to prevent escape. He stopped the car, got out into the road, drew his gun, and shot Ozie with cold blooded aim. This was the story revealed by Roy Wright and confirmed by Clarence Norris, the other two Scottsboro boys who were in the car.

C. S. Prisoners' Bail Petition Again Refused

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 30.—The State Supreme Court has rejected the petition of the Criminal Syndicalism prisoners for bail to be set pending action on their appeals. The petition was rejected without opinion, despite the fact that an opinion was specifically asked for. (More C. S. news on page three.)

2 San Francisco Newspapers Back On Six-Day Week

PUBLISHERS CRACKING
DOWN AGAIN

Cracking down with typical Fascist ruthlessness, W. R. Hearst's two San Francisco newspapers, The Call-Bulletin and The Examiner, this week restored the six-day week in their editorial departments.

This reactionary move was timed to coincide with long-planned lock-out of the militant waterfront unions (scheduled for last Monday, but delayed because of the unexpected exposure by the maritime workers' leaders) thus demonstrating there is a concerted drive by big business interests to break the progressive labor movement on the Pacific Coast.

ATTACK ON GUILD

By forcing the pre-NRA work schedule back on their editorial workers without a resultant increase in pay, executives of the two Hearstian papers sought to smash the growing militancy of the Newspaper Guild, which a month previously had succeeded in restoring the five-day week on the Examiner and its retention on the Call-Bulletin. Handcapped by intimidation from the executives and timidity of some of the reporters, the Guild has nevertheless fought to attain 100 per cent membership in the staffs of both papers. It is continuing the fight.

This week's action destroyed any illusion of staff members of the two newspapers regarding the "democratic" ideals of Millionaire Hearst, their boss. Since the depression began the editorial workers on both papers have suffered three 10 per cent reductions in pay without a restoration. The six-day week amounts to a fourth pay cut.

Although the five-day, 40-hour (Continued on Page 2, Column 2)

BEEF SQUAD VICTIMS IN 'MURDER' RAP

SMALLMAN AND JEFFRIES
HELD ON FIRST DEGREE
MURDER CHARGE

Frame-Up Obvious

CORONER'S INQUEST AT
KILLING REVEALED NO
SUCH EVIDENCE

By John Broman.

SAN PEDRO, Calif., Jan. 29.—Timed by the shipowners to coincide with the drive against the Maritime Federation of the Pacific, charges of first degree murder were formally brought here yesterday against Claude Smallman and Edward Jeffries, members of the Marine Firemen's local of the International Seamen's Union.

Arraigned in municipal court here yesterday on the charges of murder of John Raymond Riley, notorious thug in a police-controlled "beef squad" within the union, both workers pleaded not guilty. Preliminary hearing was set for Wednesday, Feb. 5th, at 10 a. m., in San Pedro Municipal Court.

Riley received a fractured skull last June 24th, when in broad daylight he participated in a raid of the "beef squad" on the home of a militant worker in the union, Smallman, with the intention of "dumping" him. However, friends of the worker defended him from the "beef squad," which was completely routed.

Smallman and Jeffries were arrested in San Francisco last week. Smallman at the Marine Hospital and Jeffries in the office of the Voice of the Federation.

Attorney for Smallman is Grover Johnson, and for Jeffries, Thomas Higgins of Los Angeles appeared at the arraignment, saying he had received a telegraphed request to do so from Jeffries' attorney in San Francisco.

CORONER VERDICT

According to the coroner's jury verdict rendered last June 27th, "Death of Riley was caused by a fractured skull and brain concussion as a result of a gang fight at Third and Center streets, San Pedro, June 24th, 1935, when said deceased was struck with a blunt instrument or instruments by some person or persons unknown to the jury, and we find this homicide to be without any justification." This inquest was held during (Continued on Page 2, Col. 7)

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SITUATION ON MARINE FRONT HITS WARBIRO

WASHINGTON.—(I. P.)—Closely concerned with the fight going on behind closed doors in the International Seamen's Union convention are those who are laying plans for the next war.

Government officials are worried more than they care to admit about the possibility of strong seamen's and long-shoremen's organizations striking in event of war and tying up shipment of munitions and materials of war. More than any other section of the working class these men have the power to say no when asked to go to slaughter.

It may be that from the entire fight may come something like the Australian agreements imposing compulsory arbitration on the seamen.

L.A. CHARITIES FACE DRASTIC SLASHES

RELIEF WORKERS ALSO
THREATENED BY
CUT

Hold Inquiry

HIGHLY PAID SNOOPERS
TO FIX RELIEF
ELIGIBILITY

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 29.—Indicating "drastic curtailment" of funds of the County Charities Department the Board of Supervisors yesterday ordered County Auditor Payne to make an audit of the books and investigate administrative operations of the department.

Hiring of a special investigating corps to "determine eligibility" of the 40,000 relief workers on the rolls, was also ordered.

Chairman Legg of the board stated that the county will face a deficit of more than \$2,000,000 before the end of the year at the present rate of expenditure. Payne will hire 15 investigators at an expense of \$7300 during the next 60 days, to make a "cross section analysis of the case load of the charities department."

Payne said the budgets will be investigated, and a check made of residence, legally responsible relatives, outside income and eligibility for state aid, on all relief cases. (Continued on Page 2, Col. 7)

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CHINESE RED ARMIES ROUT MERCENARIES

ITALIAN SNOBS STAMPEDE
TO GET THEIR MONEY
OUT OF COUNTRY

Invasion Floundering

URUGUAY WANTED TO SELL
RUSSIA RECOGNITION
IN CHEESE DEAL

PEIPING, Jan. 30.—Sweeping advances of the Chinese Red Army are reported. The mercenary troops of Chiang Kai-shek have been routed and foreigners are rapidly evacuating cities in Kweichow province. Communist forces are estimated at 50,000. Martial law is being declared by the Kuomintang in neighboring cities to throttle the overwhelming sympathy of populations for the Communists.

Plan of the Red Army headed by Ho Lung, reports affirm, is to pass through Kweichow province and unite with the main body of Red forces in the Northern part of Szechwan province.

ROME, Jan. 30.—Fearful of the imminent collapse of fascism in Italy, high officials of the regime, including Mussolini's brother-in-law, Mattaloni, were recently caught secretly pouring funds out of the country. Feltrinelli, president of the Italian credit bank, was caught in the act of illegally exporting a billion lire (\$80,000,000) to a foreign country in gold, cash, bonds and stocks. He committed suicide. Twenty-seven bankers implicated were fined a total (Continued on Page 2, Col. 7)

HEARST QUOTER IS BAFFLED IN L.A. RED DEBATE

Fascist Logic Falls
To Pieces In
Disaster

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 27.—For the first time in the long and dishonorable history of the American Legion leadership a member of that organization dared to appear in debate on the same platform with a Communist there last night, and the disaster that overtook him definitely established the reason why such affairs have not been held before.

Capt. Jack O'Brien—bull-necked, red-faced lawyer, the American prototype of a Hitler storm-trooper—dared to debate Harold Ashe, official Communist Party speaker, on the question: "Resolved: That Communism is a menace to the American labor movement."

The complete failure of the Legionnaire's "logic" was witnessed by a capacity crowd of 700 at Music Arts Auditorium, as Ashe ripped to shreds any pretense of argument that O'Brien advanced. In fact, the Legionnaire obviously prepared his debate from the columns of the vicious Hearst press, which, by the way, he defended lustily (Continued on Page 2, Col. 5)

Seattle Labor Council Sends Unanimous Protest To Green, ISU Convention

Reactionaries in Majority Control Stall
Convention Adjournment as Operators
Maneuver for Attack

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 30.—Adding to a storm of protest flooding the International Seamen's Union convention, the Seattle Central Labor Council unanimously voted to address Green and the I.S.U. in protest against the reactionary union-splitting move of the undemocratic machine-pac ked convention.

At the same time, Harry Bridges stated to the press today that he would persist in his objections to "star-chamber" investigation of the waterfront proceedings by "G-men, and continue to demand a full and open Congressional hearing.

Headquarters of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific hummed with activity as the aroused membership prepared to wage a strenuous battle to retain the charter lifted by 18 hand-picked reactionary delegates who were the majority at the I.S.U. convention; also to maintain full

ILA DELEGATE
ELECTED AS
COUNCIL HEAD
STOCKTON, Calif., Jan. 29.—While the Waterfront Employers and Industrial Associations gather for a final smash against the Maritime Unions, Stockton Central Labor Council delegates defiantly elected as their president, Walter W. Mahaffey of I.L.A. Local 38-102.

R. A. Woodruff of the Operating Engineers' local was named as Council vice president.

WAR BALLYHOO MANUFACTURED AT HOLLYWOOD

HOLLYWOOD, Cal. Jan. 29.—(Hollywood News Bureau)—More war propaganda is being brewed in the studios. Paramount is making "I Loved A Soldier," starring Marlene Dietrich and Charles Boyer; also under production at Paramount is "Reunion" with Herbert Marshall and Gertrude Michael.

"A Message to Garcia" with Wallace Beery, John Boles and Barbara Stanwyck, is being made at 20th Century Fox's as is "Under Two Flags," starring Ronald Colman, Victor McLaglen and Rosalind Russell. Warners First National is preparing "Anthony Adverse" with Frederick March and Steffi Duma; "Sons O' Guns" starring Joe E. Brown and Joan Blondell; "Hearts Divided," with Marion Davies, a Napoleonic "drama."

Building up aviation are Paramount's "Border Flight," a romance of the Coast Guard service; "Thirteen Hours by Air," mystery thriller of United Air Lines; "The Sky Parade," which cheers commercial aviation.

DEBATE NEED FOR
Organized Rank
And File in Union

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 28.—"Resolved: That there is a necessity for an organized rank and file movement in the trade unions." This subject will be debated here on Thursday, February 13th, at 6:30 p. m., by Bill Busick, educational director of the International Ladies Garment Workers' Union, taking the negative, and Matt Pelman, section organizer of the Young Communist League, taking the affirmative.

The debate is under the auspices of the Thursday Discussion Club, meeting at the cafeteria at 648 So. Broadway.

The latest telegrams from the two Sailors' delegates to the Convention who have been instructed to stay there until the adjournment of session as spectators, warned the membership to take no action but to remain status quo with the I.S.U. despite any rumors or action taken by the convention.

EMPLOYERS' PLANS
The first steps of the shipowners to take advantage of the plans of the International officials to "reorganize the West Coast unions" was seen with the filing of (Continued on Page 2, Col. 1)

Scottsboro Boys

STATEMENT OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE
COMMUNIST PARTY

The attempted murder of Ozie Powell by an Alabama sheriff is really an act of the ruling class directly incited by the reactionary judge into whose care capitalist and landlord justice has placed the nine innocent Scottsboro boys—symbols of the persecuted Negro people. The united front of all who labor, black or white, of city and country, is the weapon that will defeat the forces of reaction, jim-crowism, lynching and frame-up and will emancipate the working class, the Negro people and the people of America as a whole.

The Central Committee of the Communist Party of the United States calls for the united front of all enlightened forces of America to save the Scottsboro boys. (Signed)

EARL BROWDER,
General Secretary.
WILLIAM Z. FOSTER,
Chairman.

Seattle Labor Council Backs Charter; Protest Sent to Green Sailors' Fight to Retain AFL

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articles of incorporation with the secretary of state by the Pacific American Shipowners' Association.

According to the information given, the association plans to "promote harmony between employees and employers with respect to wages, working conditions, and act as an intermediary in disputes."

Listed as officers are Hugh Gallagher of the Waterfront Employers' Association as president, with T. G. Plant, J. A. Lunny, Lloyd Swayne, W. Bush, and Donald Watson as directors.

SAILORS PLEDGE FIGHT

At a special meeting of the Headquarters Branch of the Sailors' Union a resolution calling for the issuance of a pledge card pledging to fight to retain their charter and to remain within the American Federation of Labor was adopted unanimously. The pledge cards are to be printed at once and distributed along the Pacific Coast.

LABOR COUNCIL BACKS SAILORS

SEATTLE.—Taking the initiative in the fight to nullify support in their fight to retain their status in the I.S.U., the local branch of the Sailors' Union succeeded in rallying the Central Labor Council behind them.

Despite the objections of President O'Reilly that protests and investigation was outside the Labor Council's district, the delegates voted unanimously to investigate the revocation of the Sailors' charter.

COMMITTEE ELECTED

The protest was telegraphed to the floor of the I.S.U. convention and to President Green. A committee of ten was also elected to work with the I.S.U. locals to re-establish harmony between branches and the international.

A joint I.S.U. meeting adopted a resolution pledging to remain within the I.S.U. and the A.F.L. and condemning any efforts to set up an independent union.

BRIDGES DEMANDS PUBLIC QUIZZ

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 30.—Although Congress has to date ignored the request of the District Council No. 2 of the Maritime Federation for an investigation of the proposed plan of the shipowners to smash the West Coast unions, Department of Justice men sought to quiz Harry Bridges in his office, but received no information from the militant president of the District Council.

"We demand a public investigation where all the facts can be brought out," Bridges stated, "there will be no star chamber proceedings. Although the shipowners and the I.S.U. officials are demanding that the Department of Justice investigate, we have asked and insist upon a Congressional investigation so that the public may know all the facts."

This plain statement of Bridges was seized upon by the Hearst tags as an excellent opportunity to portray the rank and file leader as defying the United States government.

CONVENTION STALLS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 30.—Obviously stalling since the adoption of the shipowner-inspired motion to revoke the charter of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific, the reactionary-controlled International Seamen's Union Convention lagged with no efforts being made to draw it to an end.

The deliberate stalling of the convention times co-incidentally with the opening of the joint shipowners' meeting in New York City and the deadline of the rank and file threatened Atlantic Coast seamen's strike, on January 31.

RED HERRINGS

The eighteen self-appointed delegates, who constitute a reactionary majority to the convention, made a feeble effort to cover up their own union-smashing moves by calling on Congress for an "investigation of possible plots against Pacific Coast maritime labor organizations." Such a public investigation was demanded last week by the S. F. District Council of the Maritime Federation.

Knee-deep in red herrings, the Scharrenberg-Olander forces took time out in their unceasing frothing against the West Coast unions to grant a charter to the Deep-Sea and Purse Seine Fishermen of California. Even then Olander could not resist the temp-

tation to explain that the charter group "had never been connected with the Maritime Federation."

ASK MINERS' AID

A telegram was received at the opening of the United Mine Workers' Convention asking for their support by the Sailors' Union of the Pacific in the fight to retain their charter in the I.S.U. and the A.F.L.

President John L. Lewis, chairman of the Committee for Industrial Unionism of the A.F.L., is looked to by the West Coast seamen for aid to protect the Maritime Federation which is built along industrial lines.

PERKINS CALLS PARLEY

Her desk deluged with a storm of protests and demands for government intervention to prevent the lifting of the Sailors' Union charter, Secretary of Labor Perkins called a hurried conference with V. Olander, I.S.U. secretary-treasurer and Assistant Secretary of Labor McGrady.

Meanwhile any further action on the part of both shipowners and convention is hinged on the results of the hearing Mon. in Fed. Court at San Francisco, when an attempt will be made to obtain a permanent injunction against the funds and property of the Sailors' Union.

S.F. PAPERS BACK ON 6-DAY WEEK

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work was professionally established with the advent of NRA this policy has only been followed in half-hearted fashion. Many editorial workers never did have the five-day week and others who did were often required to give up their days off when the editors felt their services were needed. Efforts of the Guild to bring about collective bargaining were spurned by the managements of both papers. Guild activity has resulted in frequent dismissals from the staffs.

DISCRIMINATION

One such dismissal, that of Reporter Dean Jennings from the Call-Bulletin, gained nationwide prominence as a test of Section 7-A of the new defunct NRA. The Guild pressed the fight from San Francisco to Washington and twice won decisions from the National Labor Relations Board holding that the Call-Bulletin had violated the code in firing Jennings. But here the powerful Publishers' Association brought pressure to bear on President Roosevelt, the Guild victory was nullified and Section 7-A was proved a dud.

PROTESTS ASKED

Since then Hearst and his coterie of reactionary publishers with the support of other finance capitalists have carried on an unrelenting war against militant unions, progressive legislation and all forms of true democracy. Newspaper workers are fast learning that their only hope of staying off fascist slavery is militant action in cooperation with workers in other industries.

The Guild is urging trades unions and all progressive organizations and individuals to send protests to the publishers of the Examiner and Call-Bulletin against the return of the six-day week.

WANTED—Pictures, etc. of agricultural fields, strike scenes, etc. C. S. Conference, 68 Haight st. Underhill 9173.

WARD ATTACKS GAG MEASURES IN L.A. SPEECH

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groups recently got together constitute "the real Fascist mobilization in this country."

The meeting, sponsored by the League Against War and Fascism and American Civil Liberties Union, heard brief reports from five delegates to the League's recent Cleveland congress, and unanimously passed a resolution calling upon the city authorities to grant the Public Works Union a parade permit, previously refused.

MOTHER CHEERED

Mrs. Margaret Stevens, Pasadena, mother of three sons of war age, was warmly applauded when she said:

"We mothers in the League are fighting a difficult battle today to save our sons from fighting stupid battles later on."

The year 1935 saw more gag laws introduced in American legislatures than any 20 years prior to 1934. Dr. Ward asserted; it saw armed forces called out against labor's right to organize and picket, in more states than ever before.

As ever-increasing power over the economic and political life of the nation is being concentrated in the hands of a small group, that group is compelled, in order to maintain its control, to resort to repressive measures, at the cost of the American people's civil rights. If the people retain the civil liberties guaranteed by the Constitution, they will not allow the concentration of economic and political control to proceed indefinitely.

KRAMER BILL

The real purpose behind the Kramer Sedition Bill is revealed by a study of the several hundred convictions obtained under similar measures now in effect in various states. In not one of these convictions was an act of violence proved. Dr. Ward stated. Instead, men have been jailed for lawful strike activity, for organizing labor and farm unions, for distributing literature which can legally be sent through the mails.

The real aim of the Tydings-McCormack Bill is to make it possible, whenever necessary, to suppress opposition to the use of National Guard forces against strikes. Under the sweeping terms of the bill, the League head asserted, any person who urged a Guardsman not to shoot down strikers could be fined \$1000 and imprisoned two years.

Dr. Ward charged that the bill's sponsors had attempted to quiet A. F. of L. opposition by using the term "Army and Navy of the United States" in place of "armed forces of the United States"; this change does not exempt the National Guard from the bill's jurisdiction, however, since that organization has within the past year become officially part of the U. S. Army.

"The only way to stop Fascism," Dr. Ward concluded, "is for all elements, from as far left as you can go to as far right as they will come, to join in a united, mass, fighting organization!"

NEW ORLEANS.—(FP)—Five hundred extra officers have been added to the New Orleans police force in order to protect citizens and visitors from violence and robbery, which are increasing as a result of wholesale cutting of the relief rolls. There are rumors that several conventions scheduled for the city during 1936 have been cancelled owing to fear of violence.

1200 SEAMEN WILL FIGHT TO STAY WITH ISU

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"There may be hundreds of us expelled, and I as former secretary of the Marine Workers' Industrial Union, will undoubtedly be one of the first, but you, the rank and file, will carry on the fight for our re-instatement, the same as you did in 1921. Scharrenberg was expelled then and came back in to be kicked out again in 1935. We can do it again and this time every one of his reactionary cohorts will go with him—for good."

The meeting adjourned with the sentiment practically unanimous for a determined fight against any efforts of Scharrenberg and his clique to keep the International as their own and with feeling strong against any undue or hasty steps which would lead to a move towards an independent organization.

SCOTTSBORO BOYS TELL SHOOTING

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told two or three times what to do and wouldn't take my advice. From now on I will have no more mercy on you than a snake."

HOW IT STARTED

At one point, Ozie muttered under his breath resentfully. Edgar Blaylock, the state policeman who sat beside the driver in the front seat, turned and slapped him.

Ozie got out his knife and slashed at him. Clarence Norris, who was handcuffed to him, pulled him back into the seat and told him to drop the knife.

Ozie dropped the knife. Sheriff Sandlin, at the wheel, began blowing the siren. He applied the brakes and stopped the car. The boys threw their hands over their heads.

CALM KILLER

The sheriff calmly got out of the car, drew his gun and said: "Now I'm going to get rid of all you sons of bitches."

He fired point blank at Ozie who crumpled up beside Norris.

The other boys pleaded frantically for their lives. The sheriff poked the muzzle of the gun against their heads and threatened them.

WHITEWASHING

Governor Bibb Graves, of Alabama has issued a statement on the affair saying: "The officers did their full duty and are to be commended for handling a most delicate and deplorable situation in an efficient manner."

Ozie Powell is lying near death in the Jim-Crow Birmingham hospital. One foot is chained to the bed. Deputies are permanently stationed at the end of his bed where they jeer him in his agony. A delicate two-hour operation was required on his brain and he has been delirious ever since.

NEW INDICTMENTS

Lieutenant-Governor Thomas E. Knight, Jr. has announced that he will ask special indictments against the three boys for "rebellious assault."

Meanwhile, throughout America, a protest storm is rising which looms as one of the greatest demonstrations of public sentiment in American history. Demands for freedom of the nine innocent boys are pouring in from every state and county. Governor Bibb Graves of Alabama and President Roosevelt are hearing from America.

Communist Party members, write in about unit activity.

LEGIONNAIRE IS SINGED IN TALK

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WANTS NATIONAL C.S. LAW!

When asked if he believed in the California Criminal Syndicalism Law, O'Brien revealed his Fascist character by replying: "No, I do not—I believe in a national law."

O'Brien charged that the Communist Party was a "menace" to American labor on the ground that the Communists foster "bad conditions" to capitalize on them, and carry on activity for "the express purpose of crystallizing discontent, capitalizing on human misery." By quoting a 12-year-old book, O'Brien "proved" there was starvation today in the Soviet Union. By quoting William Green, A. F. of L. president, he "proved" that labor considers "Communism is a menace."

"If there are any Communists in the crowd, you should hiss Green," said O'Brien. "He's a labor leader!"

O'Brien said he was "against Communism" because it divided the workers, destroyed freedom, and divided the workers, and he challenged Ashe to show where the Communist Party had ever led any successful struggles for the day-to-day needs of the workers.

COMMUNISM VS. FASCISM

"We Communists have a two-fold program," stated Ashe. "One is to teach the workers there is a class struggle, one which is particularly bitter in this, the sixth year of the depression; this means to lead the workers in their day-to-day struggles for immediate gains. The other is to prepare the workers for the eventual overthrow of capitalism."

"O'Brien is calling down the same condemnation against the Communist Party as does Hearst in calling for vigilante action, in driving to split the workers, force lower wages and a lower standard of living, to use force and violence against Communists, Socialists, Epics, Utopians, trade union leaders and trade union rank and file who dare to protest wage-cuts and lower living standards. This is the program of Fascism, Mr. O'Brien!"

"The Communists do not believe in force and violence. The capitalist class not only believes in it but practices it on all possible pretexts. I appeal to the American Legion members—most of you are workers. You must not allow any demagogue to get you aligned against your class brothers in the class struggle, which we can't evade."

"We say to the workers: you must trust only in yourselves and in your leaders only so long as they carry out the will of the rank and file."

"The reason the A. F. of L. leaders attack the C. P. should be apparent, because it is the Communist Party and other militants who are challenging these leaders, who are a threat to their continued, bureaucratic existence—and they know it."

C. P. AND THE UNIONS

Ashe outlined the Communist position in building up the trade unions as a bulwark of the workers against Fascism, of strengthening them to win immediate gains for the working class.

In rebuttal, Ashe stated: "The capitalist system is dying, whether we like it or not; and we'll all attend the funeral, whether we like it or not!"

"As to Mr. O'Brien's statement that the Communists 'take

DIEGO UNIONS DENIED RIGHTS BY GREEN'S AID

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president; Carl Barnes, secretary-treasurer; Stanley Gue, Ed Dowell and Jack Botts, board of administration; and Gorey, Donnelly, Wilbur, Poteet, McCullum and Crum, executive committee; Hauss, sergeant-at-arms.

All lined up to be sworn in. Stutz rapped for everyone to stand. A few started to comply. There were cries of "Sit down!" Not a delegate stood. Casey began: "Do you solemnly pledge your honor that you will, to the best of your ability, comply with the laws of—" "THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE," a delegate shouted.

COUNCIL PROTESTS

After Case's officers had been "sworn in," Jack Northy, a carpenter took the floor to protest. Stutz rapped excitedly for order. He called the meeting adjourned, but not a single delegate left. Paul Orloff, elderly president of the Waiters and Bartenders Local arose and called Casey a "dictator." He was cheered loudly.

Delegate after delegate protested bitterly. Casey and his little group of reactionaries sat in silence, not venturing a word. When A. C. Rogers, progressive secretary removed by Casey, stood to speak, it was necessary for him to wait for the applause to subside. "We want Steinmetz and Rogers!" the delegates shouted. Rogers exposed Casey's fabrication that a "dual Council had been formed."

"The progressive caucus of thirty-three unions was called," he said, "to draft a letter of protest against Casey's actions. Such caucuses are customary and obviously within our rights."

TROTSKYISTS BUSY

When Delegate Wask inquired who the four barred delegates were, the reactionaries started for the rear of the hall. Casey went first, followed by Crum. There were shouts: "The rats can go now!" and they were booed to the door.

The progressive caucus was then called to order by John Lydick. Rogers read the protest letter to Green. He condemned the issuance of a spread around the Labor Temple Sunday suggesting a dual organization. The leaflet had been issued by a handful of local Trotskyists but had been signed "A Group of Progressives."

The four delegates Casey had specifically barred were: Harry Steinmetz, former president; A. C. Rogers, former secretary; Daisy Lee Worcester, former executive committee member; and John Lydick, chairman of the progressive caucus.

The San Diego labor movement is at white heat over Casey's actions. The progressives are determined to force Casey to obey trade union democracy. Meanwhile constitutional proceedings while all A. F. of L. locals throughout the country are urged to protest to William Green and Casey against the latter's Hitlerite maneuvers.

advantage of human misery; we Communists didn't cause this misery—we're trying to change it!"

Two collections were taken. Ashe took up a collection of \$29.64 for the Communist Party. For the work of attacking Communism, "throughout Southern California," Capt. O'Brien took up a collection of 70 cents!

Many Legionnaires and their wives were in attendance, but very little support for O'Brien could be seen in their ranks.

Circulate the Western Worker in your union and fraternal organizations.

TWO VICTIMS OF PEDRO BEEF SQUAD CHARGED WITH MURDER

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a virtual "reign of terror" by the rest of the "beef squad" and by police which lasted two or three weeks. Automobiles filled with armed thugs toured San Pedro looking for militant rank and filers in the union. Character of the inquest may be seen by some of the following testimony, given by Clyde Bruley, a member of the "beef squad."

"I could not say who struck Riley because I didn't see Riley," testified Bruley.

"Do you know whether Riley was struck with any weapon?" asked a deputy district attorney.

"He must have been," replied Bruley.

"Was he knocked down?" "He must have been. I got clubbed on the head. My arm is damaged because of a previous fight with the same gang."

"Do you know if Riley recognized the man or men who attacked him?"

"I didn't hear him name any one," said Bruley. "I wasn't there!"

"Do you know whether or not 'Who was the man you say you gave a few bumps?'"

"I didn't know whether or not previously you had encountered the same crowd of men in any scuffle?"

SMALLMAN BEATEN

"Not altogether. There was one day we were coming down the street. We encountered one of the thugs, and he was with another fellow, about a block and a half from their shack. It was the day we raided their shack. We did give this fellow a few bumps—"

"Who was the man you gave a few bumps?" "Smallman."

Two days before this attack by the beef squad, Smallman was severely beaten by the squad; the few "bumps" he received included a broken shoulder and four ribs caved in. Once previously, Smallman had also been seriously injured by these thugs.

Robert Franklin North, another of the thugs, was asked, "Would you be able to state who struck Riley?"

"No," he replied.

"Did you or Riley or any of the men in your crowd have any weapons at all?"

"No, sir, there wasn't a weapon in the car!"

The beef squad had driven to the scene of the fight in a motor car, and were positively known to carry weapons and clubs, but "there wasn't a weapon in the car!"

Original leader of these thugs was Fred W. Friedl, business agent for the Marine Firemen's local, who was killed in a mysterious gun battle with police detailed by Detective Lieutenant Jack Fickes in the early morning on June 22nd, just two days before the beef squad tried to "get" Smallman. The night before his violent death, Friedl was ousted from the union by a 48-to-1 vote of the rank and file of the local, tired of his anti-union activities and rebelling against his beef squad.

Many honest trade unionists fell under the blows of these thugs during their reign of terror in San Pedro.

RAPE OF ETHIOPIA WAR! INVASION OF CHINA

MANCHUKUAN TROOPS REVOLT; NEW STUDENT UPRISINGS

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of 5,000,000 lire and seven were sentenced to long prison terms. The Italian royal family has also invested about \$10,000,000 in England through King Leopold of Belgium, brother-in-law of the Crown Prince of Italy.

LONDON, Jan. 30.—Reports received here confirm the complete debacle of Italian legions in Africa. Alleged victories of invading forces are revealed as desperate onslaughts which momentarily gain territory that is relinquished immediately after. Burdened with the heavy machinery of modern warfare, the Italian troops are unable to cope with the agile, guerrilla forces of Ethiopia which are snapping at the feet of the Italian military machine like a pack of jackals tormenting a sick elephant. Blundering, floundering, ravaged by disease, torn by revolts, nerves frayed by months of incessant guerrilla raids and sniping, the Italian march of glory is scarcely equal to the weather and the landscape, let alone the never silent rattling of Ethiopian machine gunners.

L.A. CHARITIES FACE CUT IN ALLOWANCE

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LOS ANGELES, Jan. 29.—Promised "prevailing wages" but with no specification as to trade union wages, 300 workers now on the rolls of the Los Angeles County Relief Administration are to be given construction work on the new General Motors Corporation assembly plant at South Gate, officials of the company announced today.

Tom Finney, supervisor of re-employment and labor coordination for LACRA, stated that the company officials had promised "full cooperation in the drive to return relief clients to private industry."

Trade unionists here are reported demanding that union men be placed on the job, instead of men from the relief rolls. The company has asked for both skilled and unskilled workers.

GENEVA, Jan. 30.—The furious rumbling of Uruguay against the U.S.S.R. for alleged revolutionary plots dissolved in laughter when the Soviet delegate Litvinov revealed that the president of Uruguay tried to sell Russia 200 tons of cheese on threat that he would break off relations if the Soviets wouldn't buy. Litvinov pointed out that the workers and farmers' government was not ready to sell itself for any amount of cheese.

LONDON, Jan. 30.—The King was buried.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 30.—Orders have been sent out to all U. S. army posts to immediately start training troops for actual fighting.

CAIRO, Jan. 30.—Student protest demonstrations against Britain are continuing and increasing. British police have resorted to firing into the ranks of the young people. Injuries mounted to 55 in recent conflicts. Every time a slain student is buried there is a demonstration into which the British fire, killing at least another, who is buried in still another demonstration which is again fired into and more killed. The demonstrations keep getting larger and larger.

MOSCOW, Jan. 30.—An entire company of Manchukuan troops, fully armed has marched across the Siberian border asking asylum. They declared they had just mutinied and killed four Japanese officers. They were disarmed and interned.

ROME, Jan. 30.—Italian censorship has so furiously berated correspondents for sending adverse reports from the African front that the latest official war communiqué was hammered down into a gem of brevity. It read: "Nothing of note on either front."

PLEA FOR UNITY MADE BY WEST COAST DELEGATES AT ISU CONVENTION

URGE FEDERATION AS ONLY WAY OF PRESERVING UNITY

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 24.—Outvoted by hand-picked and self-appointed reactionary delegates, West Coast delegates to the International Seamen's Union convention nevertheless gave a brilliant account of themselves, contrasting the union-splitting tactics of the reactionary I.S.U. officials against the strides made by the West Coast seamen under progressive leadership in winning improved conditions and building up the International union in all departments.

Excerpts of their joint statement made during the convention, follow:

"At this time, the Pacific Districts of the I.S.U. are being attacked sharply by the shipowners. Why? Not only because we have secured union recognition, increased wages, improved conditions, union control of hiring, and have organized the seamen 100

PLEA FOR UNITY

The delegates made an eloquent plea for unity among workers in the maritime trades, pointing out that it was unity which brought about the West Coast successes.

"The mutual cooperation of all marine unions on the Pacific through the Maritime Federation is something new in our industry, whose past history has been one of a lack of solidarity between the crafts."

ANSWER CHARGES

Answering charges that SUP membership in the Federation is illegal, it was emphasized that such federations are not new in the labor movement as a whole.

"The Councils which have been formed in the Building and Metal trades, are similar to the Maritime Federation, and

are recognized by the A. F. of L. They were formed for the same purpose as the Federation—to secure the voluntary cooperation of all crafts in a given industry!"

Showing the need for Federation solidarity, it was predicted that "once the unity of all unions, which is achieved through the Federation, is smashed, then the I.S.U., along with other unions, will sink under the attacks of the shipowners. We say this is true, not only on the Pacific, but in the East and Gulf—the continued existence of the I.S.U. in all districts will depend upon strengthening our own unions, by organizing the unorganized and by assisting in the formation of maritime federations on all coasts!"

Calling for the assistance of the

I.S.U. in forming federations in the East and on the Gulf, the delegates delivered the following slogan:

"The shipowners have 100 per cent unity—there must be 100 per cent unity between the unions of the seamen, longshore and other crafts in the industry."

Charges that the shipowners refused to recognize their obligations and abide by agreements were hurled in answer to attacks upon the West Coast unions.

REFUSE TO PARLEY

"For four months, now, they have refused to negotiate—and this is a fact which no one can deny."

The problem is not the question of unions which fail to abide by agreements; the problem is:

L.A. COUNCILMAN SURROUNDED BY UNITED FRONT

HEARS CASE OF FRAMED MEN FOR HOUR

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 29.—Councilman Franklin P. Bayer, reactionary, paid the penalty for the refusal of the City Council to hear a United Front committee protesting inhuman discrimination against political prisoners in Lincoln Heights jail, here yesterday when the committee surrounded the councilman and forced him to listen to their case for a full hour.

Refusing to fall for the "rim-around" game of the City Council, the committee gave a full outline of the cases of James McShann, Harold Hendricks, and John Sanders, three unemployed workers convicted on frame-up charges and now in the jail, and Bayer heard it all, whether he liked it or not.

Incidentally, the well-fed councilman missed his customary luncheon.

Two hundred composed the militant committee, representing Civic League, Epic Clubs, Utopian groups, American Civil Liberties Union, International Labor Defense, and many other organizations.

Workers are urged to write the City Council and Mayor Shaw demanding an open hearing on the horrible conditions now existing in Lincoln Heights jail.

OPEN FORUM

WELCOME, COMRADE

—G. Mo., January 15, 1936.

Dear Sirs:

Please send me a sample copy of your paper and any other literature you may care to send.

I want to learn about your movement, I am interested. It is time to be up and doing.

I am respectfully,

G. Mo.

Los Angeles, Calif. January 15, 1936

Editor, the Western Worker

Dear Comrades:

The teachers' unit, Los Angeles Section, wishes to connect a statement which has appeared twice in recent issues of the Western Worker, regarding Dr. Winger, formerly a teacher at Los Angeles Junior College.

Dr. Winger was not fired for political activity or radical sympathies, as the story in the Western Worker read. He is far from radical, not even particularly liberal. The stories which have appeared in the Western Worker, none of which was copied in the Hearst paper in San Francisco, have only served to drive him further away from us, a result which you can readily understand.

The facts of the case seem to be as follows: Dr. Winger was a probationary teacher who would have become permanent and subject to the tenure law had he been given a contract to teach this year. In order to avoid making him permanent he was not given a contract but simply a promise that after he had been out a year he would be hired again. The purpose in avoiding making teachers permanent is that their salaries can be held at the minimum, instead of receiving the automatic increase given to permanent teachers, and also that teaching staffs can easily be cut down if the teachers do not come under the tenure law. We are, of course, opposed to this.

We want to see the Western Worker become a popular paper, a mass paper for California workers, and we feel that accurate news is another requirement, and we will do our best to see that it is sent in.

Comradely yours,
Teachers Unit
Los Angeles

ILA Wins Victory In New Orleans Strike

NEW ORLEANS.—(FP)—Contracts recognizing the International Longshoremen's Association have been signed at Mobile, Ala., with shipping interests, according to New Orleans labor officials. The new arrangements, said to provide for almost complete use of Negro labor on the docks, will settle outstanding difficulties at Gulfport, Miss., and Pensacola, Fla., as well as at Mobile.

A PIG'S EYE View of PUERTO RICO

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—(FP)—Despite slums unequalled anywhere else in the world and economic exploitation of the natives by large sugar companies, the people of Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands have "a deep feeling of loyalty and gratitude towards the American government," Secretary of the Interior Harold I. Ickes reported on his return from a visit to the Caribbean. That is, "all except a mere handful of professional agitators who, since the change of administration in the islands, have found no field for their activities."

POVERTY

Ickes describes the slums in Puerto Rico. "I have never seen human beings anywhere living under such terrible conditions," he said. "Miserable dwellings, so close together that it is almost impossible to walk between them, are built over oozing sewage which lies constantly on the surface. Little children play in open unsanitary sewage that is covered with thick, noxious scum. These slums are an offense not only to the eye but to the sense of smell. More and more, of late years people have been driven into these cesspools through failure of accustomed employment."

"These shameful conditions are a disgrace to any civilized people."

PRIDE

"There are 240,000 school children in Puerto Rico for whom the local government has not been able to provide school facilities. And yet this is a possession of a nation that has prided itself on its system of free public education!"

See Ickes recommends improved service and the building of better hotels in the islands.

American Writer Says Hitler Would Lose New Election

POINTS TO FEVERISH WAR PREPARATIONS; GROWTH OF UNITED FRONT

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 25.—"With a free press in Germany, Hitler could not survive six months!"

This statement, by S. Miles Bouton, American newspaper correspondent in Germany for 23 years, was printed in today's Los Angeles Times.

"If an honest election could be held throughout Germany," said Bouton, "I am confident that Hitler would poll less than 50 per cent of the votes."

"The financial situation of the country is bad, with only government subsidized projects showing profits. Munitions and all businesses allied with war are being forced ahead in a feverish preparation for conflict."

"Hitler's plan leads inevitably to war, although I do not think he desires it, but when war does come it will be halted abruptly by a revolution of the German people, principally the Communists, the open Democrats and members of the Roman Catholic Church."

Thus, in the columns of the red-baiting Times, is exposed the same truths that have been printed in the Western Worker and Daily Worker—a rather odd contradiction of the capitalist press!

Hollywood Unit Circulates New Shop Bulletin

THREE-PAGE PAPER DOES GOOD WORK

Unit J-9, Hollywood Sub-Section has just issued the first copy of their neighborhood paper, Red Cars, directed chiefly toward workers in the Pacific Electric Railway System.

It is a three-page mimeographed sheet, priced at one cent.

Volume 1, Number 1 covers weak points in the Social Security Act, warns of impending relief cuts, and points out advantages of the United Front. There is also a call to workers to protest the operation in Los Angeles of the dangerous one-car street cars.

It is informally and simply written, and does a good job of pointing out specific applications of general Party principles. The importance of solidarity between racial groups, between employed and unemployed, is well brought out.

RACE HATRED: FUEL FOR THE ENGINES OF CAPITALISTS' WAR

Imperialist Profits And the Famous Yellow Peril

By Michael Quin.

I once talked with an officer in the U. S. Navy who also believed in God and human kindness. He spent his days studying gunnery and his night studying God. He nosed around among remote philosophies and knew all the Gods by name and all their inexplicable virtues and vices. His twin devotions were marksmanship and brotherly love.

Once I questioned him on how he reconciled his passion for human gentleness with the murderous thunder of artillery. His answer was that the United States Navy was our only defense against a barbarian invasion.

BLIND PREJUDICE

When I pointed out that Coast Guard cutters would be enough to repulse all the barbarians alive to-day, he was quick to reply: "But what about the Japanese?"

On another occasion, I heard a seaman declare: "War is a racket. You couldn't get me to fight in any war, except if it was against the Japs. I'd fight against the Japs any day."

ARMED IDIOCY

Both of these sentiments are stupid, but very important. Stupidity when it has its fingers on the triggers of 16-inch guns is worth paying attention to.

Propaganda on the "YELLOW PERIL" has been neatly inserted in the American mind through-out half a century. Every national culture includes the propagation of special race hatreds. Today, these subtle manias are the only motive force through which the capitalists of all nations can lead populations into wars which have no other object than to further private profit interests.

CLASSES NOT RACES

Populations taught to think in terms of races instead of in terms of classes have, in the past, been dry tinder to the flame of jingo war propaganda.

The merciless exploitation of the Oriental masses by American capitalist interests is readily utilized by the capitalists of both China and Japan to inflame their populations, not against American capitalism, but against American people.

The imperialist conquests of Japan are utilized by American capitalism to incite the population, not against Japanese imperialism, but against the Japanese as a race.

MUSSOLINI NOT ITALY

There is a very imminent danger today that capitalism will utilize the world-wide resentment against Mussolini's rape of Ethiopia to incite hatred, not against Italian capitalism, but against the Italians as a race.

The seeds of race hatred are planted in grammar school and cultivated in popular fiction, the movies and every other medium through which populations gather ideas and prejudices without even realizing it. These falsely based hatreds lie dormant in the popular mind. We need only look at Nazi Germany to see how effectively a clever propaganda campaign can awaken and make use of them.

Japanese Imperialism



But Not the Japanese People

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INSANE RAGE

The insane rage of Jew hatred which swept Germany with the advent of Hitler was by no means an expression of the majority population. But there is no question that large numbers of otherwise well meaning Germans, oppressed by years of poverty and financial worry, uninformed as to the real causes of their woes, oppressors, but against a race—the Jews.

WAR IN ORIENT

A major war is looming in the Orient today, which, if it reaches a certain stage, cannot fail to involve the United States.

The elements of this struggle may be enumerated as follows:

1. The revolutionary struggle of the Chinese masses for liberation from foreign and native capitalism and for the establishment of a Soviet China.
2. The struggle of China generally for nationalist independence and freedom from domination by Japanese, British and American imperialists.
3. The failure of the present Kuomintang (Chinese Nationalist) government, a puppet of the foreign interests, to effectively combat either of these movements.
4. Imminence of the possibility that the revolutionary and nationalist independence movements may unite forces in the common cause of driving out all foreign imperialism.
5. The avowed program of Japan, already far advanced, to

An Investigation of America's Pet Nightmare

secure imperialist domination over all of China and a good part of Siberia; to not only suppress the Chinese revolutionary and nationalist movements but to drive out America and Britain as rivals; and to war against the Soviet Union.

6. The determination of both British and American imperialism to maintain their grip on China, suppress the Chinese nationalist and revolutionary struggles, encourage Japan to launch her war against the Soviet Union, and yet prevent her from driving out their competing interests.

DESPERATION

Behind this situation, it must be considered that Japan is acting in a desperation similar to that which is driving Mussolini into violent adventures in Africa. The Japanese population is in a state of great unrest and the capitalist rulers are unable to cope with the economic crisis at home.

This whole situation treads squarely on the toes of American imperialism and will sooner or later bring the cry of "Yellow peril." Whether it would be a battle cry for direct intervention against the Chinese or a competitive war with Japan, its ultimate goal would be the suppression of the Chinese masses.

To this there is only one reply the American people can make.

We will support no war between rival imperialist interests squabbling over who shall have the greater privileges in exploiting a foreign people.

We will support no war of intervention against any people engaged in a revolutionary struggle to establish a government of their own choosing.

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SOVIET TRADE DOUBLE

MOSCOW.—(FP)—Retail trade in the Soviet Union during 1936 will be double that of 1933, the People's Commissar for Home Trade estimated in a report to the Central Executive Committee, now in session.

State-Wide Defense Committee Established for Gallup Miners

Program Calls for Vigorous Fight for Freedom of Three Framed Miners

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Jan. 21.—Pledged to a program of steadfast action to obtain the freedom of Juan Ochoa, Manuel Avitia, and Leandro Velarde, the three Gallup miners now serving 45-60 year sentences in the State penitentiary on frame-up murder charges, a New Mexico State Gallup Defense Committee was established Sunday afternoon at the New Mexico State Gallup Defense Conference held here in People's Society Hall.

A Soldier of Japan Offers A Small Gift

Wan Min of the Chinese Communist Party, speaking at the World Congress in Moscow in August, 1935, told of the heroic action of a Japanese soldier who delivered a truckload of war materials to anti-Japanese partisans in China. He waited, but the partisans did not come. When he saw the Japanese soldiers approaching, he committed suicide, leaving behind him a letter which came into the hands of the Chinese Communists. It read:

"I send you a small gift of 60,000 cartridges and many hand grenades and bombs. I wanted to speak to you personally, to tell you of the love, the solidarity and respect of the Japanese Communist Party for the toiling people, for the Chinese people, and for China's glorious Communist Party in the joint struggle against the imperialist bandits."

(From JAPAN'S DRIVE FOR CONQUEST, by Grace Hutchins. International Pamphlets No. 47.)

The program adopted by the Conference includes plans to win the active support of trade unions, lodges, clubs, church and cultural organizations to the fight to win the release of the three miners, to halt the deportation of foreign-born workers from Gallup, and to force the dismissal of all contempt of court charges against the twenty-three people who were arrested for signing resolutions of protest to Judge McGhee during the Aztec trial of the ten Gallup miners, seven of whom were acquitted.

A campaign to obtain at least 25,000 signatures, particularly of trade unionists, to a petition to Governor Clyde Tingley calling upon him to grant an unconditional pardon to the three convicted miners is a part of the program adopted at the conference. The State Committee will also undertake the raising of \$75,000 bond for the three miners.

The Committee plans to establish April 4th—the anniversary of the day in which deputy sheriffs fired on a gathering of unemployed workers in Gallup, murdering two unemployed miners and killing the sheriff of the county—as National Gallup Day. The erection of a monument over the graves of the two murdered miners, Salomon Esquivel and Ignacio Velarde, is a part of the Committee's plans.

The State Committee, which includes the members of the former Santa Fe Gallup Defense Committee, will have headquarters in Santa Fe. Albuquerque members of the Committee will carry on the work here as a City Committee.

Greetings from the three prisoners, who are in prison because they were active in the fight for united trade unionism in the U. M. W. A. among the coal miners of Gallup, were brought to the conference by Mrs. Isabelle Ochoa, wife of Juan Ochoa and the mother of two young children.

Affirming their steadfast belief that their freedom would be won by a united campaign among the trade unionists, workers, farmers, and progressive people of New Mexico and the United States, the three imprisoned miners sent their best wishes for the success of the State Conference.

Baldwin Gives Alarming View On War Crisis

On May 22, 1935, Premier Baldwin made a speech on future wars in a mood of calculated despair, as he had somehow to justify the trebling of the British air force. He said:

"I have been occupied myself in studying questions of air raid precautions, and I tell the House that I have been made almost physically sick to think that I and my friends and the statesmen in every country in Europe, 2000 years after our Lord was crucified, should be spending our time thinking how we can get the mangled bodies of children to the hospital and how we can keep the poison gas from going down the throats of the people..."

Mr. Baldwin made no suggestion that a sound international policy could prevent such a situation.

From POISON GAS, a pamphlet published by the Union of Democratic Control, in London.)

workers are rapidly learning the real anti-labor sentiment of such legislation. It remains only for us to organize this sentiment into definite action to win repeal of the law and your freedom.

"Our warmest greetings to you with the resolve to have a real victorious reception with all of you present."

This letter was signed by all of the 55 persons present.

Exhibition of Photographs To Be On Display at C.S. Mass Meeting

SUPREME COURT GETS DEMAND FOR BAIL

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 30.—An exhibition of photographs, documents and objects pertaining to the California agricultural fields and the Criminal Syndicalism case will be on display here in connection with the mass meeting to be held in the Building Trades Temple at 8 p. m., Feb. 5th. The meeting, which is called by the California State Conference for Repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Act, will be addressed by Loren Norman, one of the C. S. prisoners, now out on bail; Professor Max Radin of the University of California, and many other prominent labor leaders and liberals.

The International Labor Defense has filed a writ with the State Supreme Court demanding that bail be set for the prisoners in order that they may be able to prepare their appeals.

MIKE GOLD

Michael Gold, editor of the New Masses, in a letter addressed to the Repeal Conference, declared:

"California surely does not want the ghastly honor of being the state that opened America's gates to a Hitler. But its Criminal Syndicalism law is certainly a piece of fascist legislation, a Nazi blow against

RED-BAITER—FLAG WAVER—DUCK EATER



Left to right: Red Hines, Neil R. McAllister, Lloyd Buchler. Three engineers of the railroading machine that placed the C. S. prisoners in the penitentiary. Hines was head of the Los Angeles Red Squad but acted as "technical adviser" for the prosecution. McAllister, special prosecutor, tried to use the trial as a ballyhoo for re-election as district attorney. He was defeated by an overwhelming vote. Buchler, assistant prosecutor, tried to plant personal friends on the jury and was exposed when one of them presented him with some ducks. Full account of this well-fed trio will be found in the pamphlet: THE C. S. CASE AGAINST LABOR.

American democracy. If the people of California don't want concentration camps, the death of free assembly and free speech, race persecution, the outlawing of all liberalism and trade unionism; now is the time to act.

"Wipe this infamous law off

your statute books, Californians! It does not belong in a state that has bred such great champions of freedom as Mark Twain, Jack London, Frank Norris, and George Sterling!

"As one who once worked and lived in San Francisco for years,

I know that the people of California are bigger and better than this law that the big business racketeers have forced upon them.

"Success to your campaign!"
"Sincerely,
"MICHAEL GOLD."

At a private party held in Los Angeles last week, \$50 was collected for the freedom campaign and the following letter was addressed to Caroline Decker and Nora Conklin, the two women C. S. prisoners, and to Louise Todd held at Tehachapi state prison for women:

"Dear Caroline, Louise, Nora: "We are confident that many thousands of these small affairs and the large campaign meetings which are planned will strike the blows necessary to wipe out the vicious law which now holds you behind the grey cement and steel bars of prison. "This law, and the infamous frame-ups that go with it, have been tolerated too long. The

HOME WE WOMEN WORKERS OFFICE FARM

A Note to Mrs. F. D. Roosevelt:
Dear Eleanor R.:

A few pages past your letter that appears in the San Francisco Daily News, is a daily letter from yourself and your husband to the housewives of America that is very pointed in content, and more important to us than who sat next to you at dinner or how the flags are carried up and down stairs before the President.

On the pages where the groceries are advertised, where the American housewives learn that even bargain bacon is too high for the recovery pocketbook, and the price of margarine is more than the price of butter used to be—here are things you have to say to us that we completely understand. These are the things, my dear lady in blue, that we will remember when we have to decide whether you and your smiling husband will grace the White House table for another four years.

SMILES

And speaking of smiles, there seems to be considerable smiling among the high so-and-sos that make up your social environment. There is always a twinkle in the eye of dear Franklin or of this or that chief dignitary. Do they all feel as though they are playing some great joke on the American people, putting on a show of dignity and importance, and getting a lot of respect and awe from these good citizens, when all the time they are a bunch of favor-selling racketeers, bargaining in lives and liberty, and peace and war? Or do you all just twinkle at each other as a matter of course, and is that the smart thing in the land of tax-bought hors d'oeuvres.

I'd like to see "My Day" written by the American housewife herself. Such a document would make your hair stand on end, my dear Eleanor, if you had the acumen to understand its significance, which I very much doubt, though you have, I shouldn't wonder, a kind heart, and wouldn't kick a cat for the world.

SERVE MARGARINE?

Have you ever had an ache under your shoulder blade because you were tired past all tiredness and hadn't relaxed, even when sleeping, for weeks? Do you serve margarine on the White House table? Why not? I serve it on mine, and am wondering how long it will be till I won't even have that for the kids.

Your sons are a bit reckless about driving cars, but their future, under the present pattern, is pretty well assured. Why? We don't know what is going to happen to our boys, and I more than suspect that the manipulations of your husband and his pals are going to send them soon straight to the hell of an American-made Ethiopian expedition. That's the kind of things I have to think about in "my day."

Maybe the feature editor of the Scripps newspapers thinks yours is the most important day in America; but it's full of just so much mattress-stuffing to me. The most important women in America haven't had a chance to say much in the newspapers up 'till now. They are beginning to do their saying on the picket lines. There's a lot of them that will have a little billet doux with their heartfelt regrets for you and Franklin at the next election.

Yours sincerely,
Malvina Reynolds.

Re-Register!

All workers are reminded that every voter in the state must re-register by March 25, 1936, in order to vote in the presidential primaries, on May 5th.

Communist Party members and sympathizers are urged to register immediately.

Even if you have voted in the state for forty years and have lived twenty years in the same house, your name has to go on the books again if you wish to declare your choice of nominees for president.

Effective organization of unemployed will aid in maintaining union scales of pay. Demand that your union officials support such work.

Over 17 Million U.S. Unemployed

AN INCREASE OF 116,000 OVER FIGURES FOR LAST YEAR

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—The total number of unemployed persons in the United States in November, 1935, was 17,029,000, according to the fourth annual estimate of Labor Research Association made public today. This was an increase of 116,000 over the figure for November, 1934, the announcement stated.

Increases in employment in manufacturing industries, domestic and personal service and trade, between November, 1934, and November, 1935, were balanced in part by decreases in agriculture and coal mining, the Association reported. Other industrial groups registered only slight changes.

NEW GENERATION

Increases in employment were not great enough to absorb the "gainfully occupied" persons added to the population during the year, according to these figures. The number of young persons coming of working age and seeking jobs more than offset such gains as there were in employment opportunities.

The estimated total includes as unemployed those workers having relief work on federal emergency projects, the research group stated. Of the 17,029,000 men, women and young workers counted as unemployed in November, 1935, 2,054,000 were on PWA, WPA, or CCC relief jobs. Even omitting these two million persons on government relief projects, it was estimated that nearly 15 million had no work in that month.

GOVERNMENT FIGURES

As in its previous annual estimates, the Association bases its figures on employment indices of the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics and other government agencies.

The unemployed for November, 1935, were listed as follows: agriculture, 1,760,000; forestry and fishing, 85,000; coal mining, 211,000; metallic and non-metallic mining and quarries, 128,000; oil and gas wells, 48,000; building, 2,054,000; manufacturing, 2,452,000; steam railroads, 621,000; telephone and telegraph, 183,000; postal service, 39,000; all other transportation and communication, 624,000; wholesale and retail trade, 875,000; all other trade, 405,000; professional service, 859,000; laundries, cleaning, dyeing, etc., 48,000 hotels and restaurants, 265,000; all other domestic and personal service, 796,000; public service, 36,000; industry not specified, 610,000. To this list is added the 3,930,000 increase in number of gainful workers since 1930, and the deficiency of 1,000,000 in the unemployment census of 1930 as estimated by the United States Department of Commerce.

Once a Docker * * * WENT TO WAR * * * Disillusioned

He's just another war vet. An old man now—but he used to work longshore on the San Francisco docks.

When he left for France and the trenches they told him he'd get anything he wanted when—and if—he returned. He remembers that they told him this.

He's back now—a broken man. He has no shoes, very few clothes, no job. He has to bum a hat now, a pair of pants later, a meal every day.

"When I worked before the war," he says, "I thought William Green was a great labor leader and a wonderful union man."

"I don't think that any more. I thought Tom Mooney just another gangster. I don't believe that any more either."

"I think the Western Worker is a swell paper and the only paper around here that actually tells the truth. I read it all the time."

CO-OP WHOLESALE AIDS LOCKED-OUT WORKERS

SUPERIOR, Wis.—(EP)—When bosses of the Duluth, Minn., plant of the Western Paint & Varnish Co. locked out workers who sought collective bargaining, the Central Cooperative Wholesale of Superior told the management it "would regret any labor trouble at the Duluth plant."

Thereupon the company immediately capitulated to its workers' demands.

The workers, members of the Western Paint & Varnish Co. Industrial Union, were granted union recognition, reinstatement of all workers without discrimination, time-and-a-half for overtime and seniority rights.

The arresting of Col. Connolly on a charge of violating the state labor laws in an attempt to force him to pay the prevailing union wages on WPA Projects is a plan

JOTTINGS FROM THE JOBLESS THE UNEMPLOYED ARE IN FOR MORE STRUGGLE TEST SHOWS COPS ARE MORONS

One expelled member of the Communist Party, two Trotskyites, two fascists, three expelled members of the PWU, one a stool-pigeon and one of their wives along with two honest unemployed workers comprise the entire attending membership of the National Unemployed Association which holds weekly meetings in the Aragon School with permission of the Board of Education, and has for its president and dictator none other than Louis Finesilver, red-baiter and self-boasted ex-pinkie snooper who was expelled several weeks ago from Loc. 40 of the PWU by a vote of 28 to 3 for being a disputer.

Finesilver is on such friendly terms with the red squad that they know him by his first name and speak in laudatory terms of him and the organization that "Louis and his friends are organizing among the unemployed to fight that radical Public Works and Unemployed Union which is robbing in the unemployed at an alarming rate."

The telephone tender of the red squad went so far as to state to an unemployed worker who called him for information, "You can join Mr. Finesilver's organization with safety as it is a 100 per cent AMERICAN organization."

This police recommend taken with the fact that Finesilver was permitted an hour long tirade before the Citizens Relief Committee, with no organizational backing at which time he screamed, "blood will flow in the streets of Los Angeles," can along with other facts at our command mean but one thing:

Louis Finesilver is a provocateur and a stool-pigeon . . . He resides at 2643 Loosmore street.

In ancient Rome the unemployed were supplied with bread and circuses. But it remained for modern WPA officials on Project C-1680 to attempt to prevent a union meeting last Friday at 2:45 p. m. by hiring a stunt man to . . . parachute jump from an airplane.

If the stunt method proves effective Connolly may soon be standing on his head atop the City Hall while Pilling and Thompson perform on the flying trapeze.

RELIEF FORECAST . . .

Stormy. With no sign of abatement. The unemployed are in for a long siege and must wage a terrific struggle against actual starvation.

The peace policy of the Soviet Union is against every attempt to enslave racial minorities.



undergoing serious consideration in legal circles friendly to the cause of the Unemployed and Union Labor.

At Flower street headquarters Pilling ground like a grain of corn between the mill stones of organized mass pressure from below and the Fleishacker bank in budget cut orders coming down from above turns right and left like a weather-cock in the wind and knows not what instant the sympathy he is said to hold for his hungry dole-cut charges may catapult him out of the L. A. relief set-up.

In the meantime it is rumored that LeRoy Bruce, who conceived and promoted the idea of herding Tuberculars into the vermin-ridden pesthole of concrete and steel, (The Lewellyn Iron Works Building at 1250 So. Main street 'now called American House') is planning to edge out Rex Thomson as head of the County Welfare and install himself as the "Grand Master of Hunger."

"A few years ago in an intelligence test, the average mental age of the L. A. police force soared to the amazing level of nine years. (Morons are rated at 10 to 12 years in mental age.)"

Extract from the Unemployed Leader which we can very easily believe after observing Captain William (Red) Hynes and other members of the force at the Plaza bribing and helping children to shoot-off police and press purchased . . . firecrackers . . . in an attempt to disrupt an unemployed demonstration arranged by the Public Works Unemployed Union.

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Council Scores Shipper Attack

TELEGRAM TO PERKINS DEMANDS PROBE OF LOCK-OUT THREAT

CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL

OAKLAND, Jan. 27.—The Alameda County Central Labor Council, at its regular weekly session, voted to send telegrams to Madame Perkins, Alameda County congressmen, the two senators from California and to President Roosevelt requesting an immediate investigation into the threatened lock-out of the maritime unions of the Pacific Coast.

The wires also stated: "This threatened lock-out is an attack against the entire labor movement."

Boondoggling? Well—Hardly WPA Speed-Up

By a WPA Worker.

SAN FRANCISCO.—The WPA project I work on is typical of speed-up and competition enforced on all WPA jobs in the country.

The bosses demand 20 wheelbarrows of dirt per hour and you have to wheel it 300 feet to the dump. And if you can't make this amount they classify you as a "cripple" and give you a green slip which states: "Work Unsatisfactory."

So to hold this lousy job the workers are forced to break their necks and fight each other because one is stronger than another and can wheel more dirt. They single us out a few of us at a time so three of us complained to the superintendent.

While loading our wheelbarrows we are so crowded together that it is impossible to work any faster. The barrows go past the checker so fast he gets balled up and can't keep track. A week ago last Saturday one worker fell off the narrow plank and got badly hurt. The boss took him to the hospital in his car.

Nationwide Tour Is Planned for Florida Unemployed Leaders

CASES DROPPED AGAINST COURT PETITIONERS

NEW YORK.—(EP)—A nationwide tour is being organized by Eugene F. Poulnot and Sam J. Rogers, companions and fellow-victims of Joseph Shoemaker of Tampa, Fla. Kidnaped and flogged by a mob for organizing the unemployed, Shoemaker died, while Poulnot and Rogers survived. Their tour is under the direction of the Joint Committee for Defense of Civil Liberties in Tampa, 112 E. 19th street, New York City.

The Teamsters reported that after six years of attempting to organize the workers of the Cook Oil Co., this concern finally was signed up this week. The Public Works and Unemployed Union delegate reported on rotten conditions at the Regional Park Project. The delegate also exhibited a handful of grievances stating that families up to nine in number were being forced to "live" on \$55 per month. The Council voted to appoint a committee of three to work with the PWU in an attempt to gain higher wages for these workers.

MOONEY CONFERENCE

The committee appointed last week to meet with Tom Mooney reported that Mooney had asked a delegated group of five from each union to meet on Feb. 16 at the Pacific Building to hear defense attorneys.

Secretary Spooner, in answer to a question from the floor, reported that City Manager Hassler had promised that he will confer with the Red Cross relative to amending the Disaster Plan Ordinance.

The Warehousemen and the Tailors reported progress in organization. Postal Clerks reported 3000 passing civil-service examinations, out of which ten will receive jobs within a few months. The Clerks' delegate pointed out several grievances, amongst them the threat made in Washington to take away the civil service safeguard. He stated the Clerks very soon may have to call upon the council to help maintain this safety provision against the politicians.

CASES DROPPED AGAINST COURT PETITIONERS

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla.—(EP)—Federal charges of "conspiracy to obstruct justice," filed against Marshall Lakey, Oklahoma City sculptor, and 13 others, have been dismissed by Federal Judge Edgar Vaughn.

The "crime" had been the sending of postcards and telegrams to a judge last spring urging release of 14 jobless arrested at a relief demonstration in the city in May.

How L.A. Millmen Won Control of Their Union

That the members of a Millmen's Local No. 884 (Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners) were determined to have officers of their own choosing, and to maintain democracy within their organization was amply proven at their recent meetings. Forced by Don Cameron, international representative of the Brotherhood, to hold a new election, in an attempt to oust militants from office the membership completely turned the tables and elected a full slate of progressives.

Some eight months ago the Millmen's Union had a membership of only about thirteen. Several militants entered the local and started a widespread organization campaign in all store fixture and cabinet shops in Los Angeles. Wages were as low as 45 and 50 cents an hour for skilled mechanics. In a short time the membership was completely in the hands of militant rank and filers; the old leadership, especially the business agent, Anderson, proving incapable of anything but speeches.

MANY STRUGGLES

Since the birth of the local, before the war, it had gone through numerous re-organizations in which it had grown many times from mushroom size to a membership of 800 or more. Each time dwindled again because of a lead-

ership which feared the militancy which came with a large local. This time the millmen of Los Angeles were determined that this was not going to happen again.

Immediately following the strike an election of officers was held and honest leaders of the strike put into office. It was later found that this election was contrary to the constitution of the Brotherhood which stipulated that no member could be elected to office who was not registered in the general office for a year or more. Despite the fact that Anderson, the business agent, was aware of this ruling he made no protest. On the contrary, he himself nominated brothers who were new in the local. The members felt that they had a perfect right to elect whoever they chose since it was practically a new local, having grown from a membership of thirteen to one of almost a thousand.

AFTER THE STRIKE

The efforts of the millmen to clean house, organize themselves properly and extend their union to the planing mills of the city did not stop with the strike. The employers began to chisel on the conditions won by the men, and Brother Anderson, who still remained business agent, met these attacks with continual postponement of action. It was only upon pressure from the membership that decisive action was taken with different shops and several closed shop agreements were secured.

Again and again Anderson was exposed before the membership. The membership demanded copies of the constitution to

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which Anderson and his henchman Vandkye, the financial secretary, replied that "they were a bunch of dumbbells anyway," and didn't have to see the constitution. The members demanded accurate financial reports and it was only after months of bickering that they were able to get them, only to find discrepancies on every page.

The planing mills were not being organized. Every progressive measure brought before the local, such as indorsement of the American Youth Congress was fought by Anderson and his clique, and only because the members were convinced of the necessity of such affiliations were they carried by the local.

RESENTMENT GREW

As the weeks passed the resentment of the member against the reactionaries in the local grew greater and greater. The membership had grown to a thousand. Every move to maintain democracy in the union was met by long speeches from the reactionaries that such moves would be "in violation of the constitution." This despite the fact that the same reactionaries violated the constitution at every step—in their own interests. The local was now second largest carpenters' local in Los Angeles County, but was only paying per capita tax to

the district council and the general office for about thirty members, despite the fact that the membership again and again tried to straighten out the dues system in order to have full representation. But this was not to the interests of the reactionaries who were attempting to use this situation against the rank and file leaders in order to smash up the local.

CAMERON

So powerful was the rank and file sentiment and so steady was its march to a clean house in the union that Anderson and his machine called upon the general representative of the West Coast, John Cameron, to intervene and save their necks. Brother Cameron came and declared that he was going to investigate. He promised that he was going to meet with the elected officials of the local.

But he disregarded this promise and instead of investigating the corrupt activity of Anderson and his little group, who were trying to dictate to the local, he centered his attack upon the rank and file. Without consultation with the elected officers and without a word of warning to the membership he called a special meeting of the union, at which he presided, for the purpose of a new election of officers, declaring that the old ones were elected in violation

of the constitution.

WANT NO HITLER

There was tremendous resentment against this and against Cameron's high-handed way of conducting the meeting. Shouts came from all over the hall: "We want no Hitler here!" He threatened the local with removing its charter, and many of the men declared that if that was the way the Brotherhood of Carpenters ran its affairs they didn't care to remain there. It was only due to the quick action of militant members of the union in standing up to declare the necessity of remaining in the A. F. of L. that no violence was done to Brother Cameron.

Thirty registered members were all that one thousand members could choose from to elect a new slate of officers. Only one officer did not require registration in the general office, and that was the job of business agent. Out of these thirty members the members of the local, at the following meeting elected, by huge majorities, those who had been in no way connected with the old machine. Not one of the old clique was elected. In many cases the members of the local did not even permit their nomination. Thunderous votes closed the nomination after an honest worker had been named. Brother Kohn, leader of the strike and former president of the union, (one of those that had been removed by Cameron) was elected business agent by an overwhelming majority.

ORGANIZATION DRIVE

Immediately upon their election, the new officials embarked upon a widespread organi-

zation campaign to recruit every millman in Los Angeles into the union. What was intended to be a defeat for the rank and file proved to be a victory for them and an overwhelming defeat for the reactionary forces in the local. Prevented for many years from joining the union by hatred for Anderson and his corrupt group the unorganized millmen of the city have begun to look with new hope to Local 884.

But the reactionaries have another card up their sleeve, and that is the Carpenters' District Council ruling that all members of the brotherhood in Los Angeles must pay \$2.25 per month dues. The great majority of the members of Local 884 do not earn enough to warrant such a high dues system. This dues system was originally carried some years ago by a referendum vote to the carpenters. The dues before that had been below \$2.00. A fake referendum ballot was drawn up which asked the members of the union whether they wanted to pay either \$2.50 or \$3.25. Quite naturally they chose the lower sum. In every local there is widespread resentment against this exorbitant dues rate. The reactionaries would like to see this dues rate enforced in 884 so as to drive many brothers out of the local.

FIGHT HIGH DUES

But the newly elected officials have taken steps to counteract this. There is a ruling in the district council to the effect that if five locals call for a referendum vote that this must be held. Local 884 is sending committees to every carpenters' local in the city, raising the necessity of lower dues.

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Under the new and honest leadership of Local 884 the millmen of Los Angeles can march forward to ever greater victories and closed shop agreements with every shop and planing mill in the city. They can serve as an inspiration to the rest of the working people in this Chamber of Commerce dominated Los Angeles. This can be done best if the millmen will regard the local as their own to preserve and build; if they will interest themselves in every affair and endeavor of the local union. The millmen have a great job to perform. By their actions in the last three months they have proven themselves ready and capable to perform it.

RIP TIDES

By Le Mac.

Intimidation

"Well--do we support 'em or do we leave 'em in the lurch?" Mac surveyed the crowded mess-room.

"We should let Frisco handle this," some one spoke up, "you know these fellows are not members of the Federation yet."

"What the hell's that got to do with it--you know damn well it's that guy Ryan that's stalling their charter. Besides they were black-listed because they supported the crew of the M-- in their beef for overtime while cleaning out their lousy dirty deep tanks," Mac reminded them.

"We can take it up when we get into Frisco and make sure something is done about it," a deck steward suggested mildly.

"Yeh, we'll have 'em send a resolution of protest to the Hawaiian branch of the Industrial Association," a fellow steward jeered.

"Say, are you fellows going to turn to?" the mate shouted down the hatchway.

"Maybe," Mac answered back "and maybe we won't."

"I am as good a union man as anybody, but what the hell is the use of us getting in trouble for a handful of Filipinos--" the wiper didn't get a chance to finish his objection before several pounced on him--literally.

"What the hell do you mean--the crew of the M-- didn't raise any quawl when the handful of Filipinos stuck their claws out by supporting them."

"No--and what's more--you know damn well the sugar baron won't bar Filipinos, Kanakas, Japans, Chinese or white if they are looking for scabs--they didn't ask what color when they were looking for 'em in '34!"

Mac cut in, "Anyone who has been through the last year and a half on this Coast and hasn't learned that lesson ought to have his head examined--let's get back to the point. Do we take a vote to support the Hilo longshoremen or do we pull out of Honolulu with our flag dragging the stern?"

"I make a motion we hold the ship at the pier here until the longshoremen are re-instated," an

oilier elbowed his way in between the mess-table and the threshold of the toilet.

"Second it," chorused a few voices.

"Now let's have some discussion on it," a messman acting as chairman called.

"Suppose we do tie her," an A. B. objected, "they might pay us off here--"

"So what?" some interrupted "ain't 'cha ever paid off on the wrong end of a trip yet?"

"I am not afraid to pay off here, but I think we're picking a bum beef," a quartermaster offered, "they can make it hot for us here."

"I am still waiting to hear a good reason why we shouldn't back them longshoremen," Mac spat a perfect bull's eye through the open port.

"Hey, deck delegate--the old man wants you up on deck a minute," the yeoman echoed down from the top deck.

"Be right back," Mac admonished the rest of the crew, "sit tight till I see what's up."

"I understand you fellows are taking a strike vote down there," the skipper nodded his head towards the foc'sle and pointed a hand in the direction of the pier-head, "if you are, better have the boys get a load of that."

Mac's eye followed the skipper's hand. A company of soldiers was lined up there--with fixed bayonets.

"Have your bunch of radicals get an eyeful of that and then take your strike vote," the skipper mocked as he mounted the bridge.

Mac whistled down the companionway, "Come on up, guys, I got something to show you."

"Well?" he waved his hand in the direction of the armed troops.

"Well--nothing--let's take that vote," the maker of the motion demanded impatiently.

"All those in favor of tying her up--raise your hand."

The skipper slammed the telegraph back to "finished with the engines" as he gazed in anger and disgust--every hand jerked into air without hesitation.

"I make a motion we hold the ship at the pier here until the longshoremen are re-instated," an

Our Work in the Negro Masses

THE BUILDING OF A NATIONAL NEGRO CONGRESS

By Pettis Perry.
(Los Angeles Section)

Our new approach in working among the Negro masses and the ask of the Communist Party, the building up of a National Negro Congress is the most important step that we have made in this direction. This Congress promises to make history in the unification of the Negro people. Everywhere that a good deal of work has been done, a lot of enthusiasm is created among the Negro people. The reason for this is obvious. In the first place, with the unprecedented crisis of capitalism, the Negroes are the greatest sufferers. Aside from the fact that the Negroes are systematically excluded from many unions, which leaves them wholly unprotected as far as their economic conditions are concerned, they are subjected to many forms of lynch terror and mob violence. What has happened in the last few years clearly bears this out.

In March, 1931, we had the frame-up of the nine innocent Scottsboro boys, which has stirred the Negro people throughout the whole world. Later, the frame-up of Angelo Herndon, under a Georgia slave law. And, with the coming of the new defile, the plight of the Negro people has grown worse. The codes of the NRA, with its wage differential is bringing the Negro people to a greater desire for struggle.

"BLACK FILE" SYSTEM
And in Los Angeles, under the CWA, the Negroes were put on

separate projects, given segregated employment offices, etc. On the LACRA, the supervisors set up a "Black File System" which means that Negro social workers were given Negro applicants, on the grounds that white applicants would object to Negro visitors. There is nothing to substantiate this, however. Today, we see the real reason for this discrimination, because under the WPA set-up, in their efforts to cut down expenditures, the Negroes, as usual, are the first to find themselves out of a job!

We quote from an editorial appearing in the Los Angeles Sentinel (a Negro neighborhood advertisement sheet), January 16th, 1936:

"And just last week, six Negro case aids were discharged, while whites, with lower grades, were kept, because Mrs. Opal Gundiff, Hope dist. director, insists on restricting white files to white workers, while she gave most of her black files to other whites. Discharged Negro workers are asking that Mrs. Gundiff be discharged."

MILITANCY RISES

From this, it is clear that the Negro people are no longer willing to submit to discrimination with out a struggle, even though their approach to the whole matter is not as advanced as it should be. They regard this as the policies and practice of one individual, rather than the whole administration itself. Nevertheless, if the local sponsoring committee of the National Negro Congress would

draw these people into activity and make this one of their points of concentration, a lot of this confusion would be overcome.

The above also shows that they are victimized, in spite of qualification. Moreover, we are informed that definite attempts are being made to segregate the Negro women in the sewing projects, from the white. Already, the basement of the Second Baptist Church at 24th and Griffith, has been secured for a project, with no ventilation. A bunch of Negro clients have been transferred to this sweatshop, but because of a militant stand taken by some of the women, the projects that they were transferred from were forced to send over a few whites.

L. A. PROGRAM

Therefore, it is necessary for the Communist Party in the Los Angeles Section immediately to undertake the following:

1. To exert every effort to help the local committee of the National Negro Congress to intensify their activity around these issues, at the same time, to broaden the Congress.
2. In addition to supporting the program of the National Negro Congress, the Communist Party must come forward with its own program for Negro rights. Delegations should be immediately sent to the WPA headquarters to demand that all sewing projects have sufficient ventilation, where the workers' health will be more secure.
3. The right of Negroes to any and all jobs, with equal rights with the white.
4. Abolition of the "Black File System."
5. Economic, political and social equality for the Negro people. Thousands and thousands of leaflets should be spread around to every sewing project, particularly in the Negro territory, exposing this vicious discrimination. Meetings of every description.

OAKLAND PROGRAM

In Oakland, where the workers progress much faster, with eleven churches out of fifteen officially working with the committee, the following should be done:

1. An immediate investigation in all factories, and relief set-ups particularly.
2. Some definite issue should be picked out, and an actual struggle created around it. In this way prestige and will be instrumental

the committee will gain more in putting a greater mass of workers into motion, at the same time every trade unionist that is interested in the organization of unorganized workers, in fighting discrimination should immediately begin to discuss the Randolph resolution in their local and take definite steps to put it into practice. A fight against Jim Crowism practiced.

PLATFORM OF NATIONAL NEGRO CONGRESS

The National Negro Congress will be no new organization, nor does it seek to usurp the work of existing organizations. It will seek rather to accomplish unity of action of existing organizations.

It is with these objectives clearly in mind that we propose for discussion and action by the Congress the issues outlined below:

1. The right of Negroes to jobs at decent living wages and for the right to join all trade unions. For the right to equal wages and equal labor conditions with other workers. For the organization of Negro workers with their fellow white workers into democratically controlled trade unions.
2. Relief and security for every needy Negro family; and, for genuine social and unemployment insurance without discrimination.
3. Aid to the Negro farm population, to ease the burden of debts and taxation; for the right of farmers, tenants and sharecroppers to organize and bargain collectively.
4. A fight against lynching, mob violence and police brutality; for enactment of a federal anti-lynching law; for the right to vote, serve on juries and enjoy complete civil liberty.
5. The right of Negro youth to equal opportunity in education and in the economic life of the community.
6. For complete equality for Negro women; for their right, along with all women, to equal pay for equal work; for their right to a suitable environment for themselves and their children--an environment which demands adequate housing, good schools, and recreational facilities; for their right to organize as consumers.
7. To oppose war and fascism, the attempted subjugation of Negro people in Ethiopia, the oppression of colonial nations throughout the world; for the independence of Ethiopia.

Health and the Class Struggle

By FRANKLIN Z. BISSELL, M. D.

SOCIALIZED MEDICINE

"Socialized medicine," "state medicine," "compulsory health insurance," "clinics"; these and many other terms are thrown about in such confusing manner that the average person cannot make head nor tail of them.

For these reasons, we must set clear in our minds the meanings of these terms. We can compare the term, "socialized medicine," with "socialized industrial production."

"Socialized industrial production" can mean merely large-scale, privately-owned production, such as a large automobile factory; or it can mean the same industry government-owned and controlled. "Socialized medicine" can also mean private medicine organized on a large scale, or it can mean the large-scale practice of medicine under government control.

On the other hand, the term "state medicine" is easy to define. This means medical practice under government control whether that medical practice is organized on a small scale, such as under the "panel system," or on a large scale, such as in the public clinics.

We believe that "socialized medicine" should be used in reference to any sort of medical practice in which there is close cooperation of the doctors whether government controlled or not. If one wishes to refer to a system of medical practice such as exists in Russia, I should refer to it as "socialized state medicine."

Using the terms in this manner, the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota, or the Ross-Loos Clinic in Los Angeles, or the Woodland Clinic, although run for profit would be forms of socialized medicine.

"Compulsory health insurance" is a system wherein the state takes a certain percentage out of all wages to put in a fund which is later used to pay doctor and hospital bills.

A clinic is an institution whether public or private, where socialized medicine is practiced.

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Friends of Labor!— Rally in Defense Of the Labor Unions!

Pacific Coast employers, assisted by the splitting tactics of the more reactionary officials of the American Federation of Labor, have brought their campaign to its first climax with the following events:

1. The shipowners' plot to abrogate all agreements and awards, organize fascist vigilante terror and smash the maritime unions;
2. The decisions of the International Seamen's Union convention ordering the West Coast district to withdraw from the Maritime Federation, and revoking the charter of the Sailors' Union;

3. The attack on the progressive San Diego central labor body by the attempted REPLACEMENT OF DEMOCRATICALLY ELECTED OFFICERS BY REACTIONARIES APPOINTED FROM ABOVE.

These things did not happen merely coincidentally. They are part of a well-ordered plan, and the attack is being launched simultaneously in many centers.

As to the threat of fascist vigilante action to smash the unions, already word is received that so-called "Protective Patrols" are being hired at an office in the Flood Building, "because trouble is expected." Red-baiting vigilante sheets are being circulated.

The working class and all friends of labor must be mobilized to meet this union-smashing attack. We must develop a rousing campaign throughout the entire labor movement and in liberal and progressive circles in defense of the trade unions. Resolutions should be introduced in every trade union and sympathetic organization putting forward the following demands:

A) A PUBLIC CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATION into the shipowners' plot to destroy the unions;

B) Immediate action by Central Labor Councils and State Federation of Labor officials in each district for the calling of conferences of trade unions to formulate plans for combatting and exposing vigilante—in accordance with the statements of President Vandenberg that the whole A. F. of L. membership be constituted a "Committee of 100,000 Against Vigilantism."

C) Protesting and condemning the revocation of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific, and demanding its re-instatement, also supporting the Sailors' Union in its fight to remain part of the I.S.U. and the A. F. of L.;

D) Protesting the action of Green's representative, Joe Casey, in illegally suspending the officers of the San Diego Federated Trades Council and appointing others in their place, and demanding that the San Diego unions and their representatives be permitted to democratically elect officers of their own choosing.

Socialists! Liberals! Religionists! Anti-fascists and progressives!

We members of the Communist Party urge you to join in the campaign to save the unions and thwart the fascist attack!

To the Striking Shipyard Workers

Your strike is the concern of every San Francisco worker. Its victorious outcome means an increased standard of living and the strengthening of the trade union movement. The workers of San Francisco hail your militant struggle.

Now is the time when all working class organizations should make it a point on the order of business to encourage all members to join in fraternal solidarity on the picket lines and to support the strikers with food and funds. This would be a blow to the Bethlehem autocratic interests.

It is to the interest of the ship yard strikers and to the San Francisco workers that guarantees be developed in the course of the strike which will assure victory.

Unity must be shown by all the labor organizations involved in the strike. Some agreements should be realized to assure unified settlements so that one section of strikers will not return to work before another group. Some agreement can also possibly be made on the question of uniformity of demands.

By all means—jurisdictional bickering must be halted. It endangers the strike. The victory of the strike is the main thing, and any

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organization or individual that beclouds the main thing with questions of jurisdictional bickering is playing into the hands of the Bethlehem Company.

Mass picketing is vital and must be encouraged. This was the reason why the Camden strike was victorious and received the overwhelming support of the A. F. of L. organizations. Every man, wife, sister, and daughter on the picket lines to protect the bread for your table.

Mass strike meetings should be held more often to keep the strikers constantly posted on developments. Publicity is the important weapon in the strike, and the Strike Bulletin should come out often and regularly.

Weld the strikers together! On the picket lines, carry your demands painted on placards! Sing working class songs of solidarity! Raise higher the morale of the strikers. Forward to a victory of the strike!

The Western Worker Must Live and Grow

A business man from a small town in Oregon sends \$2 for a subscription to the Western Worker—two worn dollar bills wrapped in a torn section of one of Hearst's Sunday comic pages. A worker—this time from Minnesota—asks for a sample copy of the Western Worker and some Communist Party literature. He ends his short note with the words: "It's time to be up and doing!"

A California farmer sends a small donation and writes: "Long live the Western Worker and the Communist Party!" Another worker in a small California city has just been elected delegate to the central labor council—and writes immediately to the Western Worker with the good news.

An unemployed school teacher, in Southern California writes she is conducting a class in "current events" and wants the Western Worker staff to advise her as to the type of literature she should get for her group; she enclosed money for a subscription to the Western Worker. A student asks how he should approach his classmates on the subject of the Communist Party. An agricultural worker sends a story exposing a local vigilante group.

The daily mail brings to the Western Worker office a cross-section of "life in the Far West." It isn't a pleasant life the common people live. It isn't a full life. It's a life of day to day struggle for existence. It's a life of WPA utility and "garbage basket" relief.

The Western Worker must reach the people of the West. It must bring the Communist Party into their daily lives. It must remind them that America was born of revolution. It must show them how they can improve their lot—in the shop, on the docks, aboard the ships, at school, in the orchard and behind the plow. In a word—the Western Worker must become a mass organizer of the West—exposing, teaching, leading the common people along the only true path to a fuller life, the path that leads to the overthrow of this system we all are learning to despise and hate.

The drive for a \$7500 sustaining fund for our paper is nearly half over. Let's dig in. Let's do like the Russian workers and farmers—old with their Five-Year Plan. Let's overfulfill our quotas.

The reward? An eight-page Western Worker. More news, more guidance, more readers, more Communists. Is it worth the effort? We think it is. Subscriptions and donations to the Western Worker will be your most effective answer.

Union Men! Now Is the Time To Join the Communist Party!

Expulsion of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific from the American Federation of Labor is the boldest move ever made by the top dictatorship and foreshadows a struggle on which the whole fate of democracy in the unions will depend.

It is against the Communist Party that both employers and the A. F. of L. dictators voice their common rage. This is because union men who are members of the Communist Party are the most informed, capable, and incorruptible men in the unions. They are uncompromising in their loyalty to the rank and file membership and tireless in their efforts to build and strengthen democracy. They constitute the most effective impediment to the trickery and caddy diplomacies of employers and dishonest union officials.

If you are an honest, class conscious man, your place is in the ranks of the Communist Party. It is here, in organized, disciplined cooperation with the other Party members in your union that you can best protect your union in the present crisis.

Three Bloody Years Of Terror

On January 31, 1933, Hitler came into power. It is a day which marks the beginning of a bloody reign of terror, oppression, and degradation; a day when the labor unions were smashed and liberals as well as labor subjected to bestial persecution.

For three years, Germany has been a Hell. In Germany, no one thought Hitler could come to power. A whole nation was caught off guard.

"Have we in America done as much as we might to push his words of hate down Hitler's throat?" asks the Daily Worker in a recent editorial.

The voice of every worker must be heard for Ernst Thaelmann, for Von Ossietzky, for the other 100,000 imprisoned in Nazi jails and concentration camps.

"The freest government cannot long endure when the tendency of the law is to create a rapid accumulation of property in the hands of a few, and to render the masses poor and dependent."—DANIEL WEBSTER.

Party Life

DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONAL
DEPARTMENT

Criticism and Some Advice On Sale of Literature

CRITICISM

Very little is done or said in the section on literature. The reason for this must be looked for in every unit, sub-section, and section functionary, as well as every Party member. Lenin said, "Without revolutionary theory there can be no revolutionary practice." No wonder we are not reaching out with our literature to our contacts and to the people as a whole. New pamphlets are coming out almost every day. Our party comrades do not even know about these pamphlets, so how can we expect the non-party people to read our literature. No one is bringing it to them.

In the units and sub-section committee meetings, literature is generally the last thing on the agenda. As soon as the chairman says, "the last thing on the agenda is literature," someone makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. This goes on every week. Let us take the San Francisco section committee meeting; to my knowledge they haven't had literature on the agenda for the past month or two, and my belief is that that is reflecting itself on the lower bodies of our party.

SUGGESTIONS

If we really want to build a mass Party, if we really want to work in the trade unions, want to stop fluctuation and have proper recruiting, we must have a mass distribution of our literature. I want to make a few simple suggestions:

1. That every party member buy a Party Organizer each month (5c).

2. That every unit buy at least two Communists for its unemployed members and all employed comrades buy a copy for study (20c).

3. That every party member be responsible to sell 50c worth of literature a month to his contacts, workers on the job, etc.

These three simple things can be done if we raise the question in the unit bureaus, and convince our Party membership that unless we do this, our Party is going to remain small and our fluctuation is going to increase.

FINANCIAL

Now about the financial end of this matter: Some of our leading comrades say: "Oh, well, we owe money to the Party, and it can wait." Every sub-section owes about \$50 average to the section literature department. Where did this money go to? They do not have literature on hand. Party comrades claim that they have paid for their literature. The sub-sections are responsible to see to it that their units pay their bills, right away, and turn in their money so that we can pay our bill to the center, and get more new literature.

What about our Western Workers? There are 600 comrades in the San Francisco Section. Our bundle order is 600 to 650 for the whole section. If every Party member should take only two copies, this would mean that we would double our bundle orders. Some comrades may say, "I don't need two copies, I want only one." I would like to suggest that each Party member keeps one copy for himself, and send the other one to his contact in the trade unions, fraternal organization, etc. After one month, this should be followed up and I am positive a subscription could be gotten. If a Party member has no contact at all, the unit should give him one. The unit bureau should always check up at every meeting just what was done. In this way we can make our Western Worker a real organizer and the work of our Party would progress faster.

What do you say, S. F. comrades? Let us hear from you.

S. F. Lit. Dept.

Aid for Students Advocated by A.Y.C.

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—A bill calling for a permanent government set-up to provide work relief for jobless young people and financial aid to students in vocational and high schools, colleges and universities, has been introduced into Congress by Sen. Benson of Minnesota and Cong. Amalie of Wisconsin. The bill was drawn up by the American Youth Congress.

"YOUNG LOCHINVAR CAME OUT OF THE WEST"



PROBLEMS OF MEXICAN WORKERS IN THE WEST

PARTY MUST GIVE THEM SERIOUS CONSIDERATION

By I. S. K.

The last census places the Mexican population in the United States at three million, the great majority of which is in the Southwest. Over 30,000 live in Los Angeles alone. There is a small middle class and some impoverished petty shop keepers, but the overwhelming bulk are workers and migratory agricultural laborers.

In this part of the country the Mexican worker is one of the most important sections of the proletariat. With some variations he plays in the Southwest a role similar to that of the Negroes in the South.

The Mexicans are the lowest paid of all workers and the most exploited. They are discriminated against and culturally stifled. They have the greatest per cent of unemployed, and receive the smallest relief. Employed in such important industries as agriculture, railroad, canneries, packing houses, garment, oil, construction, rubber, in plain words, in the key industries of these parts, they are without a doubt one of the most strategic sections of the proletariat in the Southwest.

IMPORTANT TASK

With such a vital strata of the proletariat, with problems differing from the rest of the population, it would be expected that the Mexican question, their problems, and the organization of the Mexican masses, would be one of the most important tasks of the Communist Party in this district.

Yet we see that even the Resolution of the District Committee, entirely omits any mention of Mexican work. This neglect seems to have become a habit.

The resolution finds space to outline work among the Negro workers. The population of Negroes in the Southwest is comparatively small. Although it is important to work among the Negroes, as it is among every section of workers, they do not hold the strategic position in the Southwest as do the Mexicans. It is strange, therefore, that the District, which is capable of giving so much attention and directives for a small group of Negroes, should so disregard the vastly more numerous, and in this part of the country, more exploited Mexican worker.

I regret the necessity of making racial comparisons, but I can see no other method of dramatically illustrating our indifference and its consequences. We must stop making the Mexican worker the stepson of the Com-

munist Party.

NEED PLAN

There has never really been a concrete plan for Mexican work mapped out in this District. This neglect may be due to lack of analytical insight. But I think a greater factor is the desire of our District leadership to imitate the Center. Quite correctly from a national viewpoint great stress is put upon Negro work. But in the Southwest it is the Mexican question which is the paramount racial question. This does not mean that we stop concentrating upon Negro work, but it is as impermissible for the Communist Party to neglect Mexican work in the Southwest as it would be in Alabama to neglect work among the Negroes.

In the last five years little progress has been made among the Mexicans. Their membership in the Party still remains small. A great deal gained in the agricultural strikes was organizationally lost. In 1930, despite police terror, we rallied thousands of Mexicans in Los Angeles May 1st. In 1935, less than a hundred attended the demonstration. We failed entirely to fight the deportation of unemployed Mexicans.

LANGUAGE PAPER

The Mexican workers, because of the closeness to their Mexican homeland, even after generations in this country, continue to speak Spanish. A paper in that language is also absolutely essential. Yet Lucha Obrera, our Mexican organ, was allowed to fail. Our leadership and naturally this attitude reflects upon the membership has done little save give lip service towards Mexican work.

There is no reason why we should not have a large influence among the Mexican masses. They have a revolutionary tradition and are militant. They join unions readily, but are handicapped because of language difficulties, and in some instances because of discrimination and being unwelcome by the A. F. of L. leadership. This made the dividing maneuvers of the Mexican Consuls and their agents in organizing strictly Mexican unions extremely easy.

The Mexican residing in the United States remains vitally interested in Mexican affairs. At the present time they follow with unabated interest the anti-Callista movement in that country. That their sympathies are of vast importance can be seen by the fact that every important Mexican newspaper in the United States is subsidized by some

Mexican political or religious group. (The Catholic question takes on political significance in that country).

ANTI-CARDENISTS

More than one Mexican revolution originated on this side of the border. At the present time Los Angeles is a hot-bed of counter-revolutionary, anti-Cardenista intrigue.

Our Mexican fraction tried valiantly to counteract the recent visits of Calles and Morones to Los Angeles. Very little assistance was given them by the non-Mexican membership. The party in the Southwest must be prepared to do as much in this great Mexican crisis as did the Party in New York during the Cuban upheaval.

The Party should also initiate a broad united front of Mexican Communists, Anarcho-Syndicalists, Cardenists, and all anti-fascist, anti-Callista elements in this country.

In a few instances some progress has been made in helping our Mexican comrades. The Los Angeles workers school is cooperating with the Mexican fraction in organizing Spanish speaking classes, and a meeting of Mexican party members is being called which leading non-Mexican comrades will attend.

DISTRICT DUTY

But it is the duty of the district to see that Mexican work is really begun in all seriousness. The entire membership should be acquainted and educated to understand the Mexican question, is they never understood the Negro question.

Because Mexican work involves districts other than our own California, Arizona and Nevada and a close connection with the Communist Party of Mexico, a Mexican Department, similar to the Negro Department, consisting of both Mexicans and Americans to aid them, should be formed for the entire Southwest, under the guidance of the Central Committee.

But it is up to District 13 to initiate these new moves. The Mexican question must be raised in the coming conventions. And out of this and further deliberations, a concrete program for Mexican work must be mapped out.

There can be no successful labor movement; there can be no successful revolutionary movement in the Southwest without the involvement and participation of the Mexican masses.

Books—Pamphlets IN REVIEW

United We Stand. By Gil Green; 64 pp.; Workers Library Publishers, New York City, price 10 cents.

Are you wondering "what's doing" in the Young Communist League these days? Do you know the "why" of the change of YCL tactic that has left not a few new comrades rather puzzled? The answer, told in an extremely logical and simple manner, is contained in this pamphlet by Gil Green, National Secretary of the YCL of U.S.A.

It is Gil Green's report on the proceedings of the Sixth World Congress of the Young Communist International, which, in September, 1935, brought together hundreds of representatives from Young Communist Leagues of some 57 different countries. The report was made before 5000 youth at St. Nicholas Arena in New York on November 15, 1935.

Hitler Against The World—The World Against Hitler. 98 pp.; Workers Library Publishers, New York City, price 5 cents.

"When Hitlerite fascists speak of peace there is war in the air." This pamphlet sets forth in detail the feverish war preparations now going forward in Nazi Germany. It also tells why the preparations are being made and how, inevitably, the United States and the rest of the world will become involved in this slaughter.

It contains a very good analysis of several parts of Hitler's program "for the masses." It shows why and how Hitler has let himself and his regime up as "saviors of Europe" against Communism.

Industrial Unions Mean Unity. Publication No. 3 of the Committee for Industrial Organization, Room 45, 1001 Fifteenth St., N. W., Washington, D. C.; 24 pp., price 10 cents; 5 for 25 cents; 12 for 50 cents; 100 for \$3.50.

As stated on the cover, this pamphlet is an answer to President William Green of the American Federation of Labor. Lewis' support of industrial union organization at the recent national convention of the A. F. of L. is well known to all. But Lewis and the committee, including eight prominent A. F. of L. leaders, which was set up to organize the fight to organize the millions of unorganized workers in key industries.

William Green's formula, "The Case for Industrial Unionism," is reprinted in this pamphlet. It is answered most effectively by Charles P. Howard, president of the International Typographical Union; by Harvey C. Fremming, president of the International Association of Oil Field, Gas Well and Refinery Workers; by Thomas F. MacMahon, president of the United Textile Workers; by John L. Lewis, M. Zarsky and the General Executive Board of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers.

An excellent pamphlet with which to approach A. F. of L. workers.

The January number of the Communist is excellent reading. By all means, you should read Alex Bittelman's "Review of the Month." A translation of Lenin, Wall Street and the Far East, company unions, the anti-imperialist fight in Mexico—extremely dramatic—and the Socialist administration in Reading, Pa., are a few of the topics.

No. 21-22 of the "Communist International" also should be required reading. France, Britain, the YCL Congress and other important matters are discussed fully.

Lenin Meet Brings Factions Together

TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 21.—The appearance here tonight, on the same platform, of District Organizer Rapport of the Communist Party and Robert J. Pearsall, representing the Pierce County local of the Socialist Party, in a Lenin Memorial day meeting, aroused a large audience to enthusiastic cheering.

"This union is the kind of memorial Lenin would like," said Rapport. Both stressed the necessity of broadening this united front to include all working class organizations, as the one means of saving the American people from the horrors of fascist rule.